TOWN OF CLAYTON
BICENTENNIAL PROCLAMATION
WAR OF 1812 REMEMBRANCE DAY

WHEREAS, the Bicentennial of the War of 1812 sometimes referred to as "The Second War for American Independence" officially begins on June 18, 2012; and

WHEREAS, the sacrifices by those soldiers, citizens and their families that fought in the War of 1812, further defended the liberties previously won in the American Revolution; and

WHEREAS, those sacrifices would include heroic efforts by Dolly Madison to save some of our National treasures from destruction during the burning of the White House by the British in 1814; and

WHEREAS, the conflict and bravery shown would inspire Francis Scott Key to write a poem describing the bombardment of Fort McHenry in Baltimore Harbor and the said writings would become our country's National Anthem, known as the Star Spangled Banner; and

WHEREAS, General Andrew Jackson helped win a stunning victory over the British in the Battle of New Orleans on January 8, 1815; and

WHEREAS, the War of 1812 further solidified the United States independence from Great Britain; and

WHEREAS, descendents of some of the veterans of the war of 1812 in the state of North Carolina are members of the Smith-Bryan Chapter National Society Daughters of the American Revolution whose primary purpose is dedicated to patriotism, historic preservation, and education.

NOW THEREFORE the Honorable Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Clayton do hereby proclaim June 18, 2012, as **"The War of 1812 Remembrance Day"** and urge all citizens to become more knowledgeable of the role the War of 1812 played in the history of our great nation and citizens of the state of North Carolina.

Duly proclaimed this 18th day of June 2012, while in regular session.

Jody L. McLeod
Mayor